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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/631,623
Filing Date	August 04, 2000
First Named Inventor	Yukihiro NAGAI, et al.
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	D. Kang
Attorney Docket Number	50090-233

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

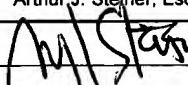
- a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$750.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Arthur J. Steiner, Esq.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	26,106
Signature			
Date	June 26, 2003		

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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TOTAL CLAIMS			
FOR		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS		minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			<input type="checkbox"/>

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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Independent	*	2	Minus	*** 3 = —
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X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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- * If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
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